High Growth Areas for Exports

1734. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high growth areas for exports have been selected;

(b) if so, the high growth areas which are linked to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to have export linkage with Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of such efforts made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Promoting exports having growth potential is a continuous process. Emphasis laid on non-traditional and value-added exports such as agri-based products, software, chemical products, engineering items, marine products, gems and jewellery etc.

(b) to (d) Efforts are made to ensure the involvement of the State Governments in export promotion. Special growth centres and export promotion industrial park schemes have been implemented to support State Governments' efforts in export promotion. The proposal received from Andhra Pradesh under Export Promotion Industrial Park Scheme has been approved. Export Processing Zone is also operational in Andhra Pradesh. Exporters from Andhra Pradesh are free to export different comodities in accordance with the extant Exim Policy provisions.

Review of the revival scheme for ICIL

1735. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR in its review meeting of the sanctioned revival scheme for Tyre Corporation of India Limited (TCIL) has been critical about the non-implementation of the scheme by the promoter;

(b) whether the scheme was sanctioned in February, 1996 and the implementation has not commenced so far;

(c) the reasons for the delay and Government's action plan to implement the scheme; and

(d) detailed schedule of implementing the scheme viz. the zero date, completion date etc.?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) BIFR in its review meeting held on 12.11.1996 expressed concern at the non-implementation of the Revival Scheme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) BIFR sanctioned a revival scheme for TCIL on 15.2.1996 assuming the consent of Govt. of India based on the draft revival scheme circulated in December, 1994 which was different in many respects from the scheme which was eventually sanctioned. The scheme was to be implemented from 1.4.1996. However, final decision on implementation could not be taken due to time involved in completing the necessary consultative process pre-requisite for a final decision. Since specific consent of the Government was not available before sanctioning the scheme, an appeal has been filed before Appellate Authority for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (AAIFR) under the provisions of SICA. The matter is under consideration of AAIFR, which is a quasi judicial body.